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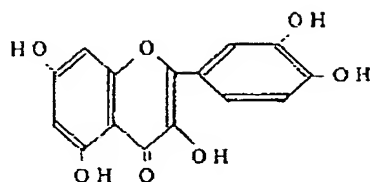
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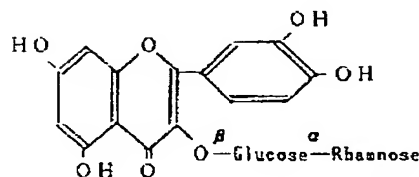
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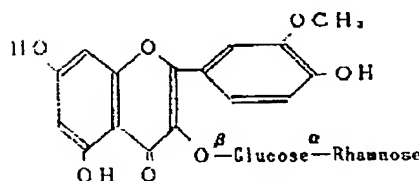
TITLE : ANTIBACTERIAL COMPOSITION



I



II



III

ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To provide an antibacterial composition useful as a dermatic drug or cosmetic effective to the remedy of pimple, etc., by using quercetin as an active component and rutin and/or isorhamnetine-3-O-rutinoside as essential assistant components.

CONSTITUTION: The objective antibacterial composition contains quercetin of formula I, and rutin of formula II and/or isorhamnetine-3-O-rutinoside of formula III. The antibacterial activity of the composition is highest in a weakly acidic state of about 5.0-5.5pH, and the composition is suitable for the use as a remedy for pimple or beauty wash for pimpled skin, etc., and is expected to exhibit durable antibacterial activity against *Propionibacterium acnes*, etc. when applied to a weakly acidic human skin. The concentration of quercetin is preferably 0.2-0.6wt%, and the weight ratio of the other components (when both of the other components are used in combination, the sum of their weights) to quercetin is preferably about 1-10.

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